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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER High humidity prevailed in Nebraska the past week with heavy dew and considerable fog during the nights and mornings. Many localities in the eastern half of the State received generous amounts of moisture from showers and thunderstorms during mid-week. Some of the larger amounts were Oakdale .94, Loup City 1.77, DeWeese .91, Wymore 2.00 and Auburn 1.26. Little precipitation fell in the west during the week, but light to moderate snow was falling there on Monday morning the 26th.

Weekly average temperatures ranged from near normal in the west up to two to four degrees above normal in the east.

CROPS Harvesting operations generally made good progress with about six days favorable for field work. Wet fields, high moisture grain, fog and/or heavy dew are causing delays in a few areas.

Corn harvesting is progressing much ahead of normal this year with 60 percent of the crop out of the field compared to a normal of 19 percent. Moisture content of the grain was 20 percent, down one point from last week.

Sorghum combining advanced to 70 percent complete, much ahead of the 45 percent normal. Moisture content of the grain increased one point from last week and is averaging 17 percent. High humidity and precipitation are the cause for the increased moisture content.

Soybean harvesting operations made fairly good progress during the week and are now 75 percent complete. This is near normal progress for harvesting on this date. Moisture content of the beans was 13 percent, unchanged from last week.

The condition of the wheat crop is mostly good to excellent. In most areas, wheat is making satisfactory progress in stooling and crown root development. Portions of the Panhandle and southwest need additional moisture for the crop.

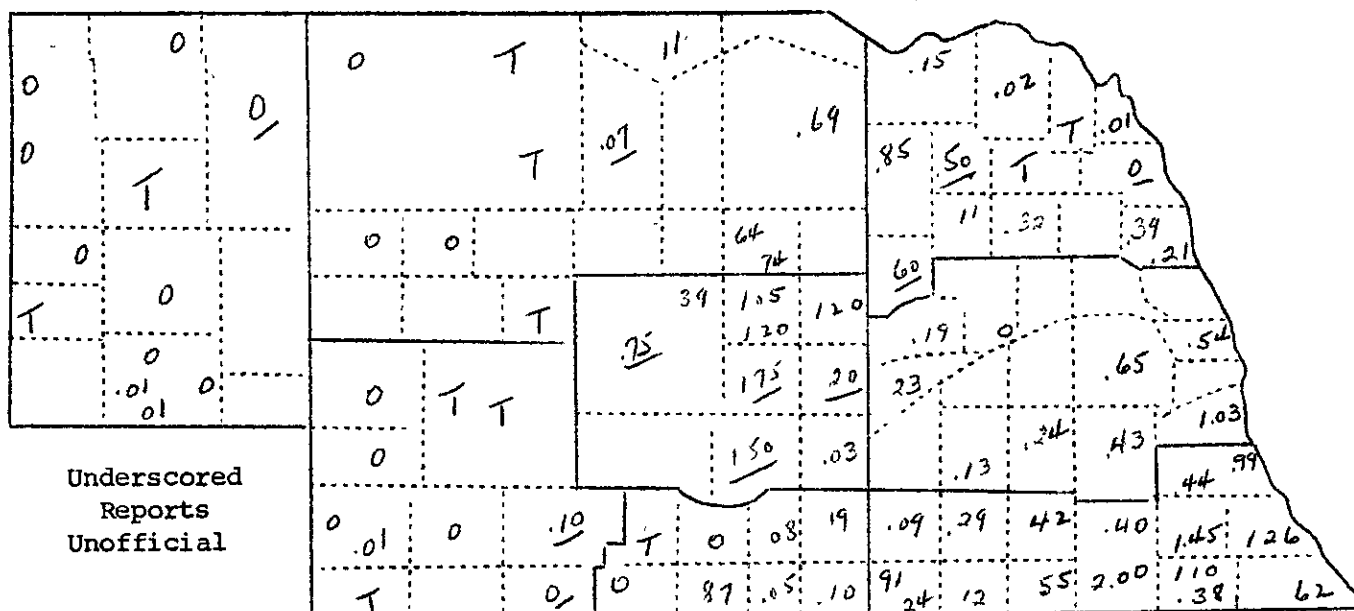
Farmers in the west and southwest were busy with sugar beet pulling and finishing potato harvest. Some farmers have started shredding stalks and fall plowing on well-drained soils.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions are somewhat variable but there are no significant problems with disease or sickness. Cattle are moving to winter feeding areas, and calves are being weaned as summer forages become dry and less palatable. About 56 percent of the reports indicate below normal hay and forage supplies and 43 percent listed below normal feed grain supplies.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 1970

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.10	Burwell	.64	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.43	North Platte	.12	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.20	Valentine	.06	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	.54			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	.01				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 1970



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October 19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	30	73	48	69	33	66	39	60	31	61	38	49	25
	Scottsbluff	62	33	78	39	63	33	62	33	57	32	62	32	47	29
	Sidney	60	34	70	36	67	40	62	39	61	29	69	35	49	30
NC	Burwell	55	40	69	40	70	37	70	50	62	38	71	46	58	--
	Valentine	61	36	74	43	74	36	68	47	66	30	74	46	51	25
NE	Norfolk	60	46	65	40	69	39	71	55	61	50	63	54	61	32
	Sioux City	62	42	65	45	71	50	73	55	64	58	69	--	59	35
CEN	Grand Island	59	43	64	38	66	38	72	54	66	38	72	55	63	33
EC	Lincoln	62	48	67	50	69	54	71	58	68	55	65	58	62	41
	Omaha	59	43	64	46	70	55	71	57	64	57	64	57	61	39
SW	Imperial	60	34	75	40	74	40	68	41	64	29	75	38	57	28
	North Platte	58	43	75	36	72	33	70	42	67	26	73	43	58	33

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